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Dear Sir

Please excuse the hand written Note, but my typewriter is still in the shop.

I have just finished your book Frame-up. I have had doubts about the Ray case, but had no idea the case was such an obvious frame. There is little doubt after your work.

Re: the so-called Decoy theory.

A friend and I are working on an article for a local paper on the possibility that P. Hearst and Co. came through our quiet little college town on the way to Eastern Pa.

I'm doing all the research/digging. As a result of this sifting through tons of clippings and going blind looking at microfilm newspapers - a queer little pattern has begun to appear. There are at least 2. Patty Hearst's - 2. Bill Harris' and 2. Emily Harris'.

Mid-Summer here in Western Pa there was several sightings of the Harris Team (North P. Pittsburgh area). Then there is the incident's in the Chicago area (see copies). Law enforcement officials and Rolling Stone are now saying that the SHA survivors returned to California in late October or early November and stayed there (if not less!). I'm now trying to find out if the Chicago sightings were ever cleared up. These are not the only reports of SHA members in the 74-75 period of hiding, but it is interesting that the policeman identified them. (Why didn't he arrest them?).

All this might mean nothing - but there is so much of the case that defies logic in every way. For example. The Police and the F.B.I. listed Theo Wheeler as a member of the SHA from the beginning. Now they seem to have forgotten about him. This is quite strange.

there was a man arrested in Texas some time ago. No headlines - "F.B.I. catches dangerous Terrorist" etc. - Just a small notice buried in the N.Y. Times. It is unlike the F.B.I., as you know, not to crow loudly when they catch a "armed and dangerous" Terrorist. Here again he was caught by accident. He got himself shot and was identified at the hospital.

This man may be "on ice" as a witness - or more likely, he's being "lost" somewhere in our criminal justice system. That's a loose end that bothers me.

After all I've read concerning possible decoys in the J.F.K., R.F.K. and King deaths, I come to the decoy theory in the S.H.A. case - perhaps a bit too quickly. It is a possibility that some glory hounds or jokesters are having fun playing S.H.A. members (A joke that could prove fatal to them). It is possible that other members of the Radical Underground (so-called) put out decoys to create a false trail. The only problem with that idea is that the New Left has never had the sophistication to pull anything like that before. They are rather plodding and simple minded when it comes to going to ground. Thirdly, it is possible that law enforcement officials invented these sightings to give the impression that they were hot on the trail of the suspects. Then there are the other possibilities - they're the ones that bother me.....

Final item. a small clipping concerning the theft of some police radio equipment in San Mateo Calif a few days before the Fromme assassination attempt. As you may recall there was another alleged attempt on Ford's life

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set for that same day (coincidence - no doubt)
as police radios seem to interest you a great
deal, I thought this clipping one for your attention.

I note from Jack Anderson's column that
there is a new book forthcoming. Please send
me information for ordering as soon as it
is available.

Thank you
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